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Basham Wins Local Involvement in International Crossing

LANSING- State Senator Ray Basham (D-Taylor) has been playing a key role in winning local involvement in determining where to locate the new Detroit River International Crossing. As a result of his advocacy, community leaders from Southeastern Michigan are being invited to serve on a committee that will ultimately help recommend a location for the new crossing.

"Finding just the right location for the new international crossing is critical to our state, regional, and local economies," said Sen. Basham. "The only way to ensure that the right decision is made is to make sure that everyone's interests are being taken into consideration."

Senator Basham got the dialogue rolling by hosting meetings with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and community leaders on local concerns regarding the possible placement of a bridge Downriver. The meetings included public officials from several Downriver communities and representatives from organizations and businesses in the region.

As a result of Senator Basham bringing these parties together, several local community leaders have also been invited to serve on the Local Advisory Council and help determine the location for the Detroit River International Crossing. Among those invited to join the Council are the mayors of Ecorse, Lincoln Park, Melvindale, Riverview, Southgate, and Wyandotte as well as the Downriver Community Conference and the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber.